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SUBJ: FEI TEAM VISIT MALI: MOBILE HEALTH PROJECT

ATTENTION: GEORGE KLEIN FROM KUNIHOLM

1. MINISTRY HEALTH HAS TRANSMITTED MOBILE HEALTH TEAM PROJECT
GIVING PRIORITY LISTING WITH COSTS AS FOLLOWS: (1)
4 LANDROVER AMBULANCES-\$47,847; (2) 15 LANDROVER
109 PICKUPS-\$100,478; (3) 10 WOODEN BARGES EQUIPPED
WITH 18 HP OUTBOARD MOTORS-\$15,550; (4) VACCINE
REFRIGERATORS-\$11,843; (5) INSECTICIDE SPRAYERS AND
MATERIAL-\$41,961; (6) LOCAL OPERATING COSTS INCLUDING
SALARIES 30 PERSONS, FUEL, OIL, TIRES-\$109,467. NOTE,
MOH CALCULATES DAILY SALARY OF \$2.36 PER HEALTH WORKER;
AND (7) 2 MOBILE HOSPITALS FOR GAO AND TIMBUKTU. THESE
MOBILE HEALTH TEAMS WOULD BE PRACTISING CURATIVE AND
PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE CARRYING OUT VECTOR CONTROL IN
CAMPS WITH INSECTICIDES AND TEACHING HEALTH EDUCATION.
MOH CLAIMS THEY COULD DOUBLE NUMBER OF PERSONS REACHED
THROUGH USE OF LANDROVERS AND BARGES. TOTAL PROJECT
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COST IS \$330,735.

2. EMBASSY CONVINCED MOH NEEDS ITEMS MENTIONED IN PROJECT AS ALL MALI MINISTRIES SUFFER FROM CHRONIC LACK OF VEHICLES AND FUNDING FOR THEIR BASIC ACTIVITIES NEVER MIND OUTREACH CARE FOR NOMAD REFUGEES. GOM MOBILE HEALTH TEAM PROJECT DOES ADDRESS BASIC NEEDS WORST HIT NOMAD DROUGHT VICTIMS. THEREFORE EMBASSY SUPPORTS PROJECT IN ITS ENTIRETY ESPECIALLY SINCE IT COULD EVENTUALLY FIT IN WITH ANOTHER PEACE CORPS PROJECT.

3. EMBASSY IS COLLABORATING WITH PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR JACK BURCH TO PLACE PCVS IN TIMBUKTU AND POSSIBLY GAO TO WORK IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AREA WITH HEAVY EMPHASIS ON HEALTH AND POSSIBLY SOCIAL WELFARE ACTIVITIES IN REFUGEE CAMPS QUALIFIED AND MOTIVATED VOLUNTEER WITH ASSISTANCE EVEN MODEST SELF HELP OR DISASTER RELIEF BUDGET COULD BE ENORMOUSLY EFFECTIVE NOT ONLY IN REFUGEE CARE BUT DETERMINING COMMODITY NEEDS AND BY HIS PRESENCE ENSURING MAXIMUM USE RELIEF COMMODITIES. IF APPROVED BY GOM THIS WOULD BE BREAKTHROUGH IN AREA WHERE GOM HAS STRONGLY RESISTED FOREIGN PERSONNEL. HOWEVER, GIVEN SENSITIVITY GOM TO FOREIGN PERSONNEL OPERATING HEALTH FIELD, DO NOT WISH TIE PEACE CORPS PROJECT AT THIS POINT WITH MOBILE HEALTH TEAM PROJECT EVEN THOUGH TWO PROJECTS DEVELOPED CONCURRENTLY COULD SUPPORT EACH OTHER.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE YOUR DECISION ON GOM MOBILE HEALTH TEAM PROJECT OUTLINED THIS TELEGRAM. KUNIHOLM

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